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SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. SWISS LAW CURRENTLYREQUIRES THAT AT LEAST 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF PARTS IMPORTED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR ASSEMBLY OF AUTOMOBILES BE MADE IN SWITZERLAND. THIS PERCENTAGE WILL BE REDUCED TO 2.5 PERCENT IN 1976, ABOLISHED IN JULY 1977, AND DOES NOT APPLY TO THE IMPORTATION OF FULLY ASSEMBLED AUTOS.

2. UNTIL 1972 THE REQUIRED SWISS CONTENT WAS 15 PERCENT. THE GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT WAS INSTI-TUTED AT THE REQUEST OF GENERAL MOTORS SUISSE TO HELP OFFSET INCREASING COMPETITION FROM ASSEMBLED IMPORTS RESULTING FROM THE STAGED ELIMINATION OF DUTIES UNDER THE SWISS-EC TRADE AGREEMENT. THE REMOVAL OF THE CONTENT REQUIREMENT WAS NOT ENOUGH, HOWEVER, AND GM CLOSED
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ITS SWISS ASSEMBLY PLANT IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. THE

ONLY OTHER SIGNIFICANT AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURE/ASSEMBLY
OPERATION IN SWITZERLAND IS THE MONTEVERDI, ALIMITED-
PRODUCTION (8 IN 1974) LUXURY SPORTS CAR WHICH USES
CHRYSLER ENGINES AND DRIVE TRAINS.
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